(a) whether there was a proposal to conduct survey for a new railway line between Aligarh and Kasganj;

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Survey has been completed by North-Eastern Railway. The report is under examination of the Ministry of Railways.

**Inter linking of Kanpur-Mathura rail line with main line**

244. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kanpur-Mathura meter gauge line has in the recent past been converted to broad gauge line;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this newly converted broad gauge line has not been interlinked with the main lines at Hathras and Mathura respectively;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the full benefit of this broad gauge line would not accrue without interlinking; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to interlink this broad gauge line with the main lines at Hathras and Mathura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, the converted line will get linked with the main line at Mathura alongwith gauge conversion of Mathura-Achnera section.

(c) and (d) Full benefit will accrue after interlinking at Mathura Junction which is planned with Mathura—Achnera gauge conversion.

**Ratio of berths and toilets**

245. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of berths and toilets in trains in sleeper class, 3AC and 2AC compartments as per norms;

(b) whether it is a fact that one toilet has been provided for every 36 berths in sleeper class;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Railways had already taken a decision about a year ago to remove two toilets, out of four in every compartment, and set up berths so as to accommodate more passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) As per International norms (UIC), there should be at least one toilet for 40 passengers. The ratio of berths and toilets in Indian Railways coaches is however as under:

| | Type of coach | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Sleeper class | 3AC | 2AC |
| No. of passengers per coach | 72 | 64 | 48 |
| No. of Toilets per coach | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Ratio between toilet and berths | 1:18 | 1:16 | 1:12 |

(b) No, Sir. One toilet has been provided for every 18 berths in Sleeper Class Coaches.

(c) No, Sir. No such decision has been taken.

(d) Does not arise.

**Railway underbridges in South Central Railway**

246. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any amount for railway underbridges to the South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what amount the SCR has spent, so far, on each bridge;

(d) the details of the pending bridges in SCR; and

(e) how Government is ensuring safety of passengers at each bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During 2008-09 an amount of Rs.444.13 lakh was allocated for the works of Road under bridges (RUBs) on South Central Railway detailed below:

(Rs. in Crore)

| S. No. | Work | Railway's cost | State Govt's cost | Expenditure incurred | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1. | RUB between Tirupati-Renigunta at LC No. 105 | 1.47 | 1.67 | 1.33 | Commissioned to traffic. |
| 2. | RUB between Vijayawada-Vishakhapatnam sec. on LC No. 346 | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.83 | Commissioned to traffic. |